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Ms. Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

Re: Ex Parte Presentation, CC Dkt. 98-67

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On December 4, 2002, Ben Soukup, Mark Seeger, Ann Marie Mickelson, Pat Reiter and Karen Peltz Strauss of Communication Services for the Deaf (CSD), and Mike Ligas of Sprint met with Margaret Egler, Thomas Chandler, Cheryl King, Janet Sievert, and Greg Hlibok of the Consumer and Governmental Affairs Bureau (CGB) of the Federal Communications Commission (FCC).

CSD gave the attached presentation on the various services that it provides to the deaf, hard of hearing, and speech disabled community. The presentation primarily focused on the provision of video relay services, including its demand and its costs. In addition, CSD commented on pending petitions for reconsideration of the FCC's IP Relay rules. Specifically, CSD took the view that temporary suspensions of TRS minimum standards requiring the carriage of 900 number calls and single line HCO calls via IP relay are appropriate. CSD understands that at present, the technology is not available to provide either type of call over the Internet, but that both types of calls will still be required for traditional relay services.

Sincerely,

/s/

Karen Peltz Strauss
CSD Consultant

Attachment